Fig. I.

Fig. II.

Fig. III.

Fig. IV.

Eupatorium perfoliatum

EUPATORIUM PERFOLIATUM.

Thorough wort.

PLATE II.

The peculiar form and arrangement of the leaves in this plant render it very easy of distinction at sight by the most inexperienced botanist. It flowers from midsummer to September, and is found in all latitudes from Nova Scotia to Florida. It inhabits meadows and boggy soils, growing most frequently in bunches, the stems being connected by horizontal roots. Its common names are *Thorough wort, Thorough wax, Cross wort, bone set,* &c.

The genus Eupatorium, belonging to the first order of the class Syngenesia or Compound flowers, and to the order Corymbiferæ of Jussieu, is characterized by its *naked receptacle, its down simple or rough, its calyx oblong and imbricate,*